

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S15709–S15792

Measures Introduced: Three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2492–2494, and S. Res. 407–408. **Pages S15770–71**

Measures Passed:

Federal Employee Protection of Disclosures Act: Senate passed S. 274, to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S15782–86**

Mikulski (for Coburn) Amendment No. 3801, to provide for reports by the Government Accountability Office and the Merit Systems Protection Board on cases making allegations of violations of section 2302(b)(8) or (9) of title 5, United States Code, relating to whistleblowers. **Page S15784**

Coin Dispensing Capability Requirements: Senate passed H.R. 3703, to amend section 5112(p)(1)(A) of title 31, United States Code, to allow an exception from the \$1 coin dispensing capability requirement for certain vending machines, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S15787–88**

Do-Not-Call Registry fees: Senate passed S. 781, to extend the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to collect Do-Not-Call Registry fees to fiscal years after fiscal year 2007, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S15788**

Do-Not-Call Improvement Act: Senate passed S. 2096, to amend the Do-Not-Call Implementation Act to eliminate the automatic removal of telephone numbers registered on the Federal “do-not-call” registry, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S15788–89**

Dodd (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 3867, to require the FTC to report to the Congress on its efforts to improve the accuracy of the Do-Not-Call Registry. **Page S15789**

Court Security Improvement Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 660, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S15789–90**

Dodd (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3868, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S15790**

U.S. Capitol Police and Library of Congress Police Merger Implementation Act: Senate passed H.R. 3690, to provide for the transfer of the Library of Congress police to the United States Capitol Police, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S15790**

Dodd (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 3869, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S15790**

National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 388, designating the week of February 4 through February 8, 2008, as “National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week”. **Pages S15790–91**

Honoring the University of Hawaii: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 264, honoring the University of Hawaii for its 100 years of commitment to public higher education, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S15791**

Honoring Representative Julia Carson: Senate agreed to S. Res. 407, relative to the death of Representative Julia Carson, of Indiana. **Page S15791**

Congratulating Valdosta State University Football Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 408, congratulating the Valdosta State University football team on winning the 2007 Division II National Championship. **Page S15791**

Measures Considered:

FISA Amendments Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2248, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act. **Pages S15710–67**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 76 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 435), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S15726**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing the motion to proceed be agreed to and that all time post-cloture be yielded back. **Page S15791**

House Messages:

Blinded Veterans Paired Organ Act: Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 797, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve compensation benefits for veterans in certain cases of impairment of vision involving both eyes, to provide for the use of the National Directory of New Hires for income verification purposes, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide an educational assistance allowance for qualifying work study activities, and to authorize the provision of bronze representations of the letter "V" for the graves of eligible individuals buried in private cemeteries in lieu of Government-provided headstones or markers, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S15786–87**

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Additional Statements: **Page S15769**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S15772–81**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S15782**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—435) **Page S15726**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Julie Carson, United States House Representative from the State of Indiana, in accordance with S. Res. 407, at 8:01 p.m., until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 18, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the in today's Record on page S15791.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 66 public bills, H.R. 4708–4773; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 270–271; and H.Res. 879–882 were introduced. **Pages H15736–38**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H15738–39**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3179, to amend title 40, United States Code, to authorize the use of Federal supply schedules for the acquisition of law enforcement, security, and certain other related items by State and local governments (H. Rept. 110–494);

H. Res. 876, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 110–495);

H. Res. 877, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the

Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 6) to move the United States toward greater energy independence and security, to increase the production of clean renewable fuels, to protect consumers, to increase the efficiency of products, buildings, and vehicles, to promote research on and deploy greenhouse gas capture and storage options, and to improve the energy performance of the Federal Government (H. Rept. 110–496); and

H. Res. 878, providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2764) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–497). **Page H15736**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Baird to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H15471**